

**REMARKS**

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 4-9 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 8, and 9 are the independent claims.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, and 9 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

The Office Action objected to claim 8 on formal grounds. In response, Applicant has amended claim 8 in view of the Examiner's comments.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 4-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. In response, Applicant has amended claims 1, 5, 6, 8, and 9 in view of the Examiner's comments and in manners believed to traverse this rejection. Claims 4 and 7 depend from claim 1.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 8, and 9 stand rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 36-38 of U.S. Patent No. 7,050,083 (Yoo) in view of JP2003344796 (Yasutaka). Claims 5 and 6 stand rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as over claims 36-38 of Yoo in view of Yasutaka and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,153,768 (Appel). Claim 7 stands rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claim 36-38 of Yoo in view of Yasutaka, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,756,584 (Takanashi). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

In response to the rejections of claims 1 and 4-9 under the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting, concurrently herewith, Applicants have filed a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming any patent term in excess of U.S. Patent No. 7,050,083.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 4-9 under the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and

further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. However, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.


There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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